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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Yes, Sir.

" (*c*) It is done in the interest of the medical institutions in the districts concerned."

Transaction of business by panchayat boards in the regional language.

* 1139 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government have received any representations from any panchayat boards and if so, which, that they must be allowed to transact their business and correspondence up to district level in the regional language?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" The North Malabar panchayats conference held at Tellicherry on 29th November 1953 passed, among others, a resolution requesting the Government that the panchayats in the Malabar and South Kanara districts in whose area the spoken language is Malayalam might be permitted to maintain all correspondence in Malayalam."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" May I know what Government have done on that representation?"

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" Under the rules issued under the Madras Village Panchayat Courts Act, 1950, the proceedings of the panchayat may be in English or in the chief language of the village. However, the correspondence with higher authorities is done in English only."

Relaying of the dismantled railway lines in Salem district.

* 1140 *Q.*—SRI D. KRISHNAMURTHY GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Government have made any representations to the Government of India to relay the dismantled railway lines in Salem district;

(*b*) if so, when it was made and what the representations were; and

(*c*) what reply has been received from the Government of India?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) to (*c*) Ever since the dismantlement of the Morappur-Hosur and Tiruppattur-Krishnagiri lines in 1941, the State Government have been urging the Central Government to restore and convert the lines to metre gauge. The linking of Salem and Bangalore by metre gauge via Dharmapuri and Hosur or also

through Morappur has also been pressed recently. The Government of India have indicated that they will be considering all such proposals in connection with the Second Five-Year Plan."

SRI D. KRISHNAMURTHY GOUNDER :—" கிருஷ்ணகிரிக்கும் திருப்பத்தூருக்குமிடையேயுள்ள ரயில் பாதையைப்பற்றி சர்க்கார் என்ன அபிப்பிராயம் கொடுத்திருக்கிறார்கள் என்பதை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் தெரிவிப்பார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" We have also recommended that line, but that has to be taken up separately. That will come up under the proposed Salem-Bangalore metre gauge line."

SRI A. DORASAMI GOUNDER : —" மொரப்பூருக்கும் தர்மபுரிக்கும் இடையே ஒரு ரெயில்பாதை போடுவதற்கு இந்த ஏற்பாட்டில் ஏதாவது உத்தேசம் இருக்கிறதா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, the latest position is that the Government of India are likely to take up this proposal about connecting Salem and Bangalore by metre gauge and in that line, this line may also be covered."

Arrest of persons belonging to the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam at Kollengode during the Prime Minister's visit to Travancore-Cochin on 4th February 1954.

* 1141 *Q.*—SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any arrest of persons belonging to the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam at Kollengode, when the Prime Minister of India proceeded to Travancore-Cochin on 4th February 1954;

(*b*) if so, the number of persons arrested; and

(*c*) the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) The Kollengode police had information that four of the sympathisers of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam were secretly planning to bring outsiders for the purpose of staging black flag demonstrations during the visit of the Prime Minister of India to Kollengode in February last which was likely to lead to breach of the peace. To avert any such possibility and prevent commission of cognizable offences, the four persons were arrested under section 151, Criminal Procedure Code, on 4th February 1954. They were released the same day and were not prosecuted."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" திராவிட முன்னேற்றக் கழகத்தைச் சேர்ந்தவர்கள், ' ஸ்ரீ ஜவஹர்லால் நேரு' அவர்கள் திருவாங்கூர்-கொச்சி ராஜ்யத்திற்கு வரும்போது கருப்புக்கொடி காட்டவேண்டும் ' என்று